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CORRUPTION IN DRDO
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item regarding corruption in Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) appearing in the `Rashtriya Sahara` dated April 16, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether the Government propose to conduct an indepth inquiry into the matter;

(d) if so, the time by which a decision is likely to be taken; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no truth in the news report of `Rashtriya Sahara` dated 16th April, 2002 under the title `Neither help to Army, nor beneficial to nation, corruption in Defence Research and Development Organisation`.

(c) Points raised in the news item have been enquired into by HQrs Fact Finding Committee.Nothing adverse has been noticed by the committee. However, the matter is also being investigated further by CBI, Dehradun branch.

(d) & (e): It is not in public interest to speak on this subject when CBI is in the process of conducting inquiry.